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1. NOTICIAS OF SEPTEMBER 22 CONTINUES TO GIVE SECRETARY'S TRIP EXTENSIVE AND REASONABLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD TREATMENT. LEAD ARTICLE ON FRONT PAGE RE-PORTS SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN DAR ES SALAAM AND HIS SUBSEQUENT MEEETING WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE. ARTICLE STATES THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE INTENDS "TO RESERVE HIS JUDGMENT" ON THE OUTCOME OF THE KISSINGER-SMITH-VORSTER TALKS UNTIL HE HAS HAD AN APPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH OTHER FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS. CENTER PAGE ARTICLE FOCUSES ON SECRETARY'S STOP IN LUSAKA, WHERE HE MET WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND ZAPU LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO, AND N PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH'S INTERVIEW WITH JOURNALIST AFTER HIS RETURN TO SALISBURY. NTOCIAS QUOTES SMITH AS SAYING "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE COULD BE A SETTLEMENT." "WE RECEIVED CERTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSALS. IF WE ACCEPT THEM, THERE COULD BE AN

AGREEMENT. IF NOT, THERE WILL NOT BE." SMITH INDICATED THAT HE WOULD AVE TO CONSULT WITH HIS CABINET BEFORE A FINAL DECISPON IS REACHED.

- 2. SAME EDITION OF NOTICIAS ALSO CARRIES AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH ZIPA (THE THIRD FORCE) POLITICAL COMMISAR DZINAHSE MACHINGURA, IN WHICH HE COMMENTS ON THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MACHINGURA CLAIMED THAT THE RZCENTLY COMPLETED KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS HAVE ONLY ONE OBJECTIVE: "TO SABOTAGE OUR STRUNIJDM WE THINK THAT THEY WILL PRODUCE SOME TYPE OF PLAN DESIGNED TO COUNTER THE STRUGGLE. BUT WE ARE PREPARED AND CERTAIN THAT WHAT THEY DO WILL FALL APART."
- 3. MACHINGURA SAID THAT ZIPA WAS "TOTALLY OPPOSED" TO ANY ECONOMIC PLAN THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE WHITES TO REMAIN IN AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. "FOR US THE PLAN IS DOUBLY RIDICULOUS. IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE U.S. WANT TO PAY COMPENSATION TO THE RACISTS IN ORDER TO END THEIR EXPLOITATION. IN THE SECOND PLACE, THE USG.. OPPRESSES MILLIONS AND MILLION OF PEOPLE IN ITS OWN COUNTRY. IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER FOR THE U.S. TO UTILIZE THIS MONEY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SIUATION OF THE LARGE MASSES IN ITS WON COUNTRY WHO LIVE MORE POORLY THAN THE WHITES OF RHODESIA."

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